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## Western grad Perry nearly wins Masters

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Greg Nugent paced the Country Creek Golf Course clubhouse Sunday in Franklin, trading between his position as general manager of the course designed by the Masters' second-place finisher Kenny Perry and supporter of a close friend.

Perry's quest to become the oldest Masters champion in the 75-year history of golf's magical major tournament was winding down.

"We've been on pins and needles these past four days," Nugent said. "It's very close."

At the time, the 48-year old Perry had taken a one-stroke lead over competitor Angel Cabrera.

Hours later, the Western Hall of Famer who lettered on the golf team from 1979-82 would bogey two straight holes, lose the lead and

finish second to Cabrera in a two-hole playoff that left Perry short of his father's constant request.

"Dad has always said, 'You need to win that green jacket,'" Perry said on Friday at the Masters. "He always calls me and tells me."

Perry attributes much of his success to the push his father Ken gave him as a child, growing as a person. It's positioned Perry to fill the "good guy" role in the community and on the course.

The pushing, Perry says, is what makes him the man he is today.

"He was relentless. He was ruthless. He was a smart man," Perry said. "He knew it was going to make me tough. That's all he was trying to do."

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"Dad has always said,  
'You need to win that  
green jacket.'"

— Kenny Perry, professional golfer —

(Right) **Kenny Perry reacts** after making a birdie putt on four during the third round of the Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club on Saturday.



ANNETTE DROWLETTE/THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE



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**The Pack AD, a rock and blues group from Vancouver, Canada, performs** during Mayhem 2009, which took place at the SOKY Fairgrounds on Friday, a fundraiser put on by Revolution 91.7 to benefit Courageous Kids in Scottsville.

## Night of *Mayhem*

Concert raises \$450 for local charity

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Concert-goers were catapulted through a journey of sound Friday night.

Mayhem 2009, the annual charity music festival coordinated by WWHR FM Revolution 91.7, took place at the Southern Kentucky Fairgrounds at Lampkin Park.

People in black capes, dreadlocks, basketball shorts, dresses, Converse All-Stars and New Balance alike united for

eight hours of music.

Because of the rain threat, Mayhem was set up in a pavilion.

"We were very freaked out, especially with the weather, that only like five people would show up," said Lexington junior Laura Haggard, or "Sadie," music director for the Revolution.

About 300 people attended Mayhem, raising \$450 for the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, said station manager Max Meiners.

"It's a good cause," said Nat, lead singer of Blacklist Royals. "And I didn't have anything else to do, so it's cool to be here."

Outside the pavilion, a man created animals out of balloons. Soon, Sadie could be seen darting around with her little yellow Dachshund balloon.

"Its name is Stephen," she announced.

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## Western implements new emergency procedures

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Western officials have created new ways to help keep students safe during campus emergencies.

Eight new emergency management procedures have been implemented as of March 26, according to a memo to Western administrators from Deborah Wilkins, chief of staff and general counsel.

Those procedures include text message updates and additional closed circuit televisions at South Campus, according to the memo.

Building Emergency Safety Team leaders are being trained for all the non-residential buildings on campus, according to the memo.

After the fights on Oct. 22, emergency management was on everyone's mind, Wilkins said.

She said she didn't want the proposed actions to sit around for too long.

Of all the items on the list, Wilkins said she thought training BEST members and implementing Building Emergency Action Plans were the most crucial to Western students' safety.

"These people are on the front line," she said.

About half of the BEST team leaders have completed online training so far, Wilkins said.

They should be done with training by June 30, she said.

Every non-residential building on campus will have two faculty or staff members who are trained to deal with emergency management procedures by this fall.

The action plans include building layouts, emergency checklists and after-hours policies.

Information Technology and the department of environment, health and safety will try to have an online training Web site by this fall for everyone at Western, according to the memo.

Susie Johnson, lab safety officer for environment, health and safety, said she is working on the Web site.

Students will be encouraged to check out the evacuation plans and emergency procedures for the buildings they have classes in, Johnson said.

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- ◆ Spring Sing Ticket Sales, 5 p.m., DUC lobby
- ◆ Study Abroad Summer 2009 Orientation, 5 p.m., DUC A210
- ◆ Virginia Tech Remembrance, 10 a.m., DUC lobby
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► CLARIFICATION

Due to a Herald error, SGA Presidential Candidate Kevin Smiley's opinion was misleading in page 6 article about the SGA debate on April 9.

The article stated that Smiley believes that SGA should focus on the 4 percent tuition increase instead of the new charge to credits exceeding 15 hours because the 4 percent increase affects more students.

Smiley also opposes the proposed \$30 fee.

The Herald regrets the confusion.

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- ◆ Margaret Reed, Rhodes-Harlin Hall, reported on April 9 that her iPhone was stolen from fine arts center room 460. The value of the theft was \$400.
- ◆ Gabriel Penn, McCormack Hall, reported on April 9 that his PlayStation 3 game system was stolen from his room. The value of the theft was \$400.
- ◆ Wade Haga, Keen Hall, reported on April 9 that the back window of his Saturn VUE was broken by a baseball on the Avenue of Champions. The value of the damage was \$300.
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# Western fails 2 equal opportunity goals

**MANDY SIMPSON**  
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In 2002, 112 black Kentucky residents began college at Western.

By 2008, 39 had graduated, Provost Barbara Burch said.

The six-year graduation rate contributed to Western failing to achieve two of Kentucky's equal opportunity goals this year, she said.

"It's a cause for concern," Burch said.

Last year, Western was the only school in the state to meet all eight of the objectives, she said.

The Council on Postsecondary Education assesses each state school's ability to achieve the objectives of the 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities every year, according to a report on Western's progress on the objectives.

The objectives concern the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of black, Kentucky-resident students and the employment of black faculty and staff, said Richard Miller, associate vice president of academic affairs.

"There's an expectation that we would have continued to meet all eight," he said.

But Western failed to reach the plan's goals for the retention

of black first-year Kentucky residents and the six-year graduation rate for degree-seeking black students from Kentucky, according to the report.

The CPE's method of calculating retention and graduation rates may help explain Western's inability to achieve these goals, Miller said.

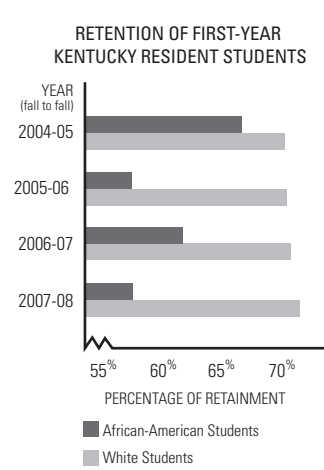
The CPE counts every student who leaves Western for any reason in its total of non-retained and non-graduating students, he said.

Some of the non-graduating students in the 2002 cohort may have transferred to an institute CPE doesn't track or left school because of family emergencies, Miller said.

Burch said officials have been reviewing data, including student profiles, to determine why Western failed in these areas, but haven't come to a conclusion about the cause.

Western can offer to aid struggling students, but students have to accept, Burch said. This leaves officials unsure if the cause of objective results is the university or the students.

Western has several programs to help students academically, including the Step Up program, which is exclusively for black students, said Ellen Bonaguro, director of the Academic Advising and



Retention Center.

Program leaders invite all black students who qualify for the program because of low grade point averages to join, she said.

Step Up students attend mandatory study halls, seek tutors and meet with peer advisors, Bonaguro said.

Last semester, 173 students were eligible for the program, but only 83 participated, she said. Fifty-two percent of the students improved their GPAs to at least a 2.0.

Bonaguro said AARC can only help the students who want to be helped.

"Once they get into those programs they have to stay in and finish it," she said.



JACOB HILL/HERALD

(Left to right) At the debut night of Archrivals, Piner sophomore Ethan Gallagher, Louisville senior Michel Stephens, Russellville sophomore Trevor Vick, Louisville senior Alex Major and Covington sophomore Kyle Green cheer following the performance of "F---ing Christian Laser Tag," a noise band from Bowling Green.

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**Ryan Finney**  
Bowling Green senior

"I'm not going to vote because I don't feel like it's going to affect me."



**Megan Ledington**  
Corbin freshman

"I don't even know who's running. Smiley's posters were really funny though."



**Olivia Branham**  
Pikeville freshman

"I'm voting for Kayla Shelton because she's already served as SGA president and proven she can handle the job."



**Justin Feldman**  
Bowling Green senior

"I'll vote for Kevin Smiley because of his deep concerns with student affairs."

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## OPINION

## EDITORIAL

## Stepping up to the plate

Students should care about issues that could affect them

The issue: Students can sometimes be apathetic to the local, state and national issues that have a dramatic impact on their lives.

Our view: Students shouldn't take for granted the impact of their participation and should look to get involved with issues that are important to them.

In college, there are times when no issue is more important than tomorrow's test, a ballgame, relationship issues or Thursday night plans.

To stay afloat, students are often guilty of letting busy schedules come before getting involved with causes that could greatly affect them.

Or maybe some students can't see how their effort would make a difference.

To dispel that notion, simply take a look at the impact of student involvement on recent campus issues.

When it seemed apparent that Western would adopt the plus/minus grading system last year, the outcry from students helped keep their grades unchanged.

In 2007, students were outraged over the changes to the meal plan system that barred them from purchasing anything other than "value meals" with their meal plans and took away a number of such meals.

The response was so great that

Western nullified the changes and established the system that students wanted.

On a more national level, citizens across the country hope a display of their resentment toward higher taxes and wasteful government spending at Tax Day Tea Parties will be enough to inspire a new course of action.

For the students who are looking to get involved, there are several easy ways they can boost their activism and make a difference.

Their first step is to pay attention to the issues that most concern them.

Whether they pick up a newspaper or turn on the news, students need to have a basic understanding of how the issue affects them.

If it's a state issue, students should then write a letter to their state representative that discusses their concerns.

Students can find out who their representative is by visiting lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Who's My Legislator" link.

If the issue relates to campus, students should see an election will take place or get involved with a protest if there isn't a vote.

The Student Government Association is currently organizing a protest against the \$30 charge Western administrators want to tack on for every hour that exceeds a 15-hour course load.



The Herald feels that's a great place for students to get involved with a campus issue that could affect them.

Students who still aren't convinced should consider that activism looks great on a resume and is a good way to help build connections.

Western administrators and

Washington legislators should never be able to assume that students are asleep at the wheel regarding important issues.

For students, the fight to secure their future starts right now.

*This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member editorial board.*

## COMMENTARY

## The SGA needs to display championship effort



**KENDRICK BRYAN**  
Executive Vice Presidential Candidate

Today and tomorrow, all Western students will be able to vote on TopNet for a needed change in the direction of the Student Government Association. As history shows, a new era will happen only if a shakeup occurs.

I am running for the office of Executive Vice President because it is time every concern is discussed and followed up by SGA members as well as University officials. The current officers have been in office since February and little has changed. For example, the Herald reported on April 7 that the SGA had not spent \$13,200 or around 12 percent of its annual budget of \$110,000, which is unacceptable.

At the debate, I stated that if elected I would

donate my entire stipend of about \$1,300 to academic affairs such as study abroad. That promise alone could create five scholarships of \$260 each.

I have continually fought for students to receive more funding from their student representatives. Earlier this semester, I authored legislation to secure the Residence Hall Association a check for \$3,000. I wrote the legislation because the SGA previously failed to give it any Organizational Aid services despite it winning multiple awards at the annual Kentucky Association of Residence Halls Conference for events such as Shantytown, Homecoming, Reduce Your Use, Stresstivus and Western's Got Talent.

If elected, I would also finalize scholarships regarding the winter and summer semesters, textbooks, conferences and events, study abroad, research and field trips. I have listed this initiative as Scholar Development. Part of

this promise would entail providing Scantron sheets and Blue Books for free at residence halls and Greek housing. Commuters could pick up the free materials at the SGA Office in Downing University Center.

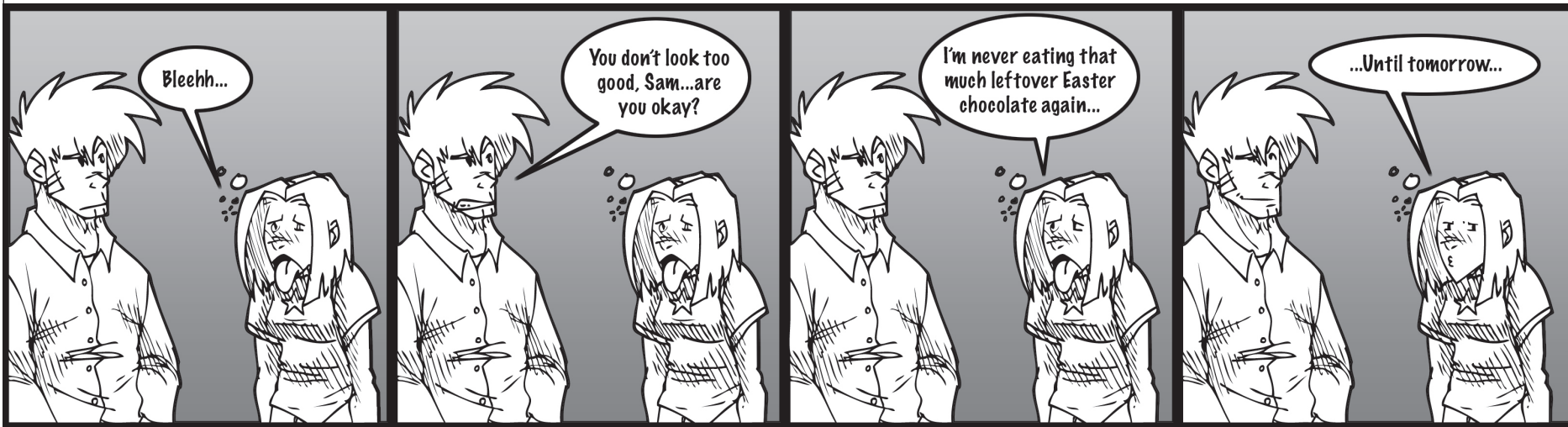
I am also running because the SGA needs stronger ties to campus organizations. In my platform on Facebook, I talk about how the SGA needs to work with the Campus Activities Board, the International Club, Up 'til Dawn, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity and other organizations. The SGA needs a remarkable campus presence with new faces. It currently features zero international students or nontraditional students in any branch and wonders why Senate participation is in decline.

The decision is up to the students. Together, we can better the Hill.

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Annie's  
OUTLOOK

A cartoon strip by Annie Erskine





# PERRY

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Ken and Kenny’s relationship blossomed on the golf course, where Kenny can remember his dad teeing balls up one after another while plumes of smoke billowed from his father’s cigar. The course was where son and insurance salesman bonded the most.

“I still smell the cigar, the grass,” Perry said. “Any time I catch a whiff of that, my dad instantly comes to me.”

Now, Nugent said, their father-son relationship has grown and matured.

“His dad doesn’t push him any more, but he does motivate him,” Nugent said. “Kenny wants to do well for his father.”

And well he has done. Perry took it upon himself

to qualify for last year’s Ryder Cup, skipping the majority of the major tournaments to participate in events where he typically performed well. Although he was criticized, Perry’s strategy worked out, as he brought the President’s Cup back to the United States in his home state of Kentucky.

Ken and Kenny are slated to be grand marshals during the week of the Kentucky Derby — more for his hometown victory at the Ryder Cup than the second-place finish at Augusta last weekend.

Perry has taken a role as a community leader and representative for residents of Franklin, Dave Kitchens said. Kitchens was one of the many coming and going from the Country Creek clubhouse Sunday.

“Kenny gives a lot to charity,” Kitchens said.

“He’s a role model to all the kids. When Kenny is winning or if he’s close to the top, everyone’s always flying in and asking for an update.”

The Kentucky Derby runs on the first Saturday in May, and although Perry won’t have a green jacket to wear, he’ll be representing Franklin, Western and his family.

At 48, he said he isn’t not looking to stop any time soon.

“I love the game,” Perry said. “You just keep going.”

Even after losing, Perry said he expected to have a good conversation with his father on Sunday night.

“You know what? He just feels sorry for me,” Perry said. “He just wanted me to win. I know it with all his heart — he wants the best for me just like I want the best for my kids.”

# PROCEDURES

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Whether or not the students look at the information is their choice, but it would be helpful for them to have a better understanding of safety procedures, she said.

New closed-circuit televisions, which are used for surveillance, have been added to South Campus and an office is now available there for Western Police, according to the memo.

Maj. Mike Wallace, field operations commander, said the police are using the office on an as-needed basis.

The extra televisions are helpful, he said.

“It’s always beneficial to have more eyes and ears,” Wallace said.

The new emergency management items should provide Western students with a sense of security, Wilkins said.

“I hope in my heart that this is something we’ll never have to use,” she said. “Will it go off without a hitch? I doubt it; no plan ever does.”

**New emergency management policies:**

► The Office of Media Relations will have direct access to and can update the Western Web site with emergency alerts.

► Media relations will ensure that the campus community is notified through text messages and Web site updates of the status of an emergency situation every 30 minutes following the initial alert.

► Telecommunications and media relations are exploring ways to use social networking Web sites such as Twitter and Facebook to connect with students.

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**Tax tea party Wednesday**

People in the Bowling Green area can attend the local Tax Day Tea Party tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Participants will meet at 455 E. Main St. and rally at Fountain Square Park, according to the event’s Web site. They will then go to the Warren County Justice Center.

The Bowling Green tea party is one of hundreds of protests planned across the nation, said Eric Odom, Director of DontGo Movement.

DontGo Movement is one of three original groups sponsoring the protests, he said.

The other sponsors are Top Conservatives on Twitter and Smart Girl Politics, according to the national Tax Day Tea Party Web site.

The tea parties give communities a chance to protest excessive government spending and taxation, Odom said.


Cities plan different things for their events, and local organizers do the planning, Odom said.

Rand Paul, son of Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, is scheduled to speak at the Bowling Green tea party, according to the Bowling Green event Web site.


Other protest sites in Kentucky include Elizabethtown, Louisville, Owensboro and Frankfort, according to the national Tax Day Tea Party Web site.

In case of inclement weather, the Bowling Green protest will take place on April 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., according to the Bowling Green event Web site.

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

# Professor offers ‘next-to-citizen’ abroad experience

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Studying world issues as a high school student, she realized, “The world is so big, and mine is so small.”

Laura McGee, an associate professor of modern languages, studied French in high school and aspired to study abroad in France.

Getting an acceptance letter back, she was told France was full and had to choose from a list of other available countries.

She randomly chose Germany, though she was blinded by her lack of knowledge of the culture and language.

At a ripe age of 16 McGee boarded an airplane. The Berlin wall was still in place and Bonn was the capital.

“That was 30 years ago,” McGee said.

Since then she has revisited Germany about 30 times.

“Some friends say that I know Berlin better than they do,” she said.

Taking students to Germany this May term will be the third time she has provided a 102 language course a chance to be immersed in the culture.

“I want to make students feel safe and comfortable, using public transit not charter buses,” she said.

“We travel like locals, and eat like locals,” she gleamed.

Having traveled to Germany on school trips twice with her, Morehead senior George Eklund said McGee provides a next-to-citizen view of the city.

“When students say to me they have a life skill gained through traveling with me, it’s



Laura McGee, associate modern languages professor, has been teaching at Western for more than 10 years. She learned German during a foreign exchange program in high school.

what makes it worthwhile,” McGee said.

If her students have trouble understanding the language, she may throw out the lesson plan for the day to help them; she recognizes those moments and builds from them, Eklund said.

“Her teaching style breaks up the mundane task of day to day language learning,” he said.

Although German is the language she says she is best at, she adds Spanish as second best, with some French under her belt.

When it comes to studying abroad she has kept in contact with her past friendships and host families throughout the years.

Of her host mothers, she

holds one very dear to her heart.

“Hildegard,” she mused. She grabbed a tissue as she spoke of her.

“She passed a couple of years ago.”

If you spend a lot of time traveling, you get a sense of “I want to just go home now,” and you wish for a clean and safe place, a home away from home, McGee said. She had found that place.

“I would call and she would say, ‘Your bed will be ready,’” McGee said with a smile.

The most important experiences she said she gained were the wisdom of living and learning German.

“I sort of live between

cultures.”

In the southeastern U.S., people are very indirect when they speak. Germans can be very straightforward and honest, McGee said.

She recalled what friends from Germany have said when visiting her home, “If you want me to load the dishwasher just tell me,” instead of dancing around the issue.

She claims to have learned to navigate both cultures.

“Germans have the same needs and interests we do,” she said.

If it were up to McGee, she would teach all of her classes in Germany.

“I enjoy helping make my students’ world a little bit bigger.”

CAMPUS LIFE

## Get fit for summer

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Soon students will stop hitting the Preston Center and start stressing over grades. Burning off Valentine’s Day candy wasn’t a problem, but shedding pounds from those pesky chocolate Easter bunnies may be.

Nashville sophomore Niki Burkeen said she recently opted for a Steak ‘N’ Shake milkshake and cheese fries instead of a trip to the gym.

Some students find it hard to get started exercising while others find it’s already a part of their daily schedule.

“I go up the Hill multiple times every day, mind you,” Shelbyville freshman Katy Cardwell said.

“I ran up the Hill to get out of the rain one day,” Cardwell laughed. “Does that count?”

People have different opinions on which foods cause stress and what can prevent stress. Public health department head Gary English recommends webmd.com and quackwatch.com.

“I do crunches and stuff when I’m studying and I walk too,” Burkeen said.

Cardwell said she’s more motivated to exercise or go to Preston if she’s with her

friends.

“Then you’re like, ‘I can do it.’”

To stay fit and less stressed during finals week and into the summer, here a few tips:

1. Stand and lunge back with your right leg, bringing your arms to the left side. Bring your right knee to hip height and do 10 reps to the left and right, making sure not to touch the floor. Do it at least three times, targeting your thighs, butt, shoulders and core.

2. Grab an apple for a breakfast on the go; try munching on a protein bar instead of downing a Snickers.

3. In push-up position, place your palms between six and 12 inches outside your shoulders. Slowly lower chest to the floor, come up. Do 10-12 reps. Keep head and neck lined up with spine. If you need to, try it with your knees on the floor.

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Meanwhile, Wick-It mashed up everything from “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club” to the eternal favorite “Jump On It” between sets. One hand maneuvered the aqua record, and the other flipped the switches while an intrigued toddler struggled to get a closer look.

As Sleeper Agent played, some crowd-surfed, and others seemed to lose their minds, spinning in circles, bumping into friends and strangers.

The otherworldly music of La Chansons washed over the audience just like the rainbow colored lights — the blonde lead singer hypnotized the audience with her purple pantyhose and clunky pink heels. Later, the Protomen would end the festival with two words: “Game over.”

Nashville freshman Stephen Ward, came to see the Protomen.

“I am a big video game nerd, and since their music is based off the Mega Man games, I find that amazing.”

Ward said he enjoyed the band Sleeper Agent. “It was the first time I had heard of them.”

Bowling Green freshman Bernie Hunstad listens to the Revolution every time he’s in his car. Though he enjoys the station’s taste in music, he described Likeable Inbetween as “OK.”

Hippie-haired, older men marveled at the British Columbian duo, the Pack A.D. Maya Miller battered her drums while the crowd

bobbed their heads, some forming their own mosh pit and jostling those in the vicinity.

Guitarist Becky Black, a cross between Janis Joplin and Joan Jett, proceeded to shred the flesh off the skeletons of the audience with the combination of her voice and red and black electric guitars. Her muscles tensed as she fiercely played her guitar, her eyes closed and opened, barely visible under her shaggy black hair.

Bowling Green resident Adam Ferguson came to hear A Night in the Box and nearly got kicked by the banjo player, Travis Hetman. Ferguson described them with one word: “Amazing!”

H e t m a n played the h a r m o n i c a and the banjo at the same time, jumped up onto one of the speakers, joining Clayton Hagen, who sang boisterously on the floor to the crowd’s glee. The violinist roared, the banjo plucked away, and the drums urged the

audience to clap along, jig and stomp their feet — which they did.

Free buttons were given away to appreciative fans. A vendor’s sign read, “BUY A SHIRT OR A HAT AND LIVE FOREVER.”

Despite the weather and an outdoor concert being turned into an indoor one, Bowling Green senior Mandy Schwabe, Revolution office manager, said she was proud of what Revolution was able to do.

“I’m happy because everybody who’s here looks like they are having a great time,” she said.

“I’m happy because everybody who’s here looks like they are having a great time.”

— Many Schwabe  
Revolution office manager

## CAMPUS LIFE



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Packed from wall to wall, students, administrators and visitors stood, sat in chairs and across the floors to hear Fritz Schaefer address different scientific and religious theories about the age of Earth.

# Forum tackles tough issues

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Some of Honors College Director Craig Cobane’s best memories from his undergraduate days were the talks he had with friends about “big ideas,” he said.

Students are often so busy with homework, classes and jobs that they forget to have these big talks, he said.

Cobane said he thinks it’s important that Western students ask tough questions like the ones addressed during the Veritas Forum Thursday night.

God and science were the topics of discussion at the forum in Garrett Ballroom.

Fritz Schaefer, the Graham

Perdue Professor of Chemistry and the director of the Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry at the University of Georgia, spoke Thursday night on “The Big Bang, Stephen Hawking, and God” to a crowd of nearly 1,200 people.

Schaefer, who spent the majority of his lecture quoting other scientists, said a creator must exist and have awesome power and reason.

Cobane introduced Schaefer before the lecture started.

He said he was amazed at the number of students who showed up for the forum.

Nashville senior Kristi Darks volunteered at the forum as a part of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

“I wanted to attend because he was going to answer questions about science and faith, and I thought it would be good to know,” she said.

The forum was sponsored by 16 local and campus ministries, Darks said.

While Darks enjoyed the lecture, some of the scientific information was over her head, she said.

“It wasn’t quite what I was expecting,” Darks said. “He seemed more like some super-genius scientist who happened to encounter Christ at church one Sunday morning.”

Darks helped collect the student response cards at the end of the lecture.

Some of the students wanted

to hear more of Schaefer’s own theories as opposed to the theories he quoted from other scientists, she said.

Blaine Ferrell, dean of Ogden College of Science and Engineering, said he didn’t attend the forum, but the college sponsored a lecture by Schaefer to a group of chemistry and biology students earlier Thursday.

Ferrell said he doesn’t express personal views on creationism and science.

Science is based on fact and religious beliefs are based on faith, he said.

“They are not the same thing,” Ferrell said.

Ferrell says he welcomes students to believe what they want about faith and science.

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# SGA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



## KAYLA SHELTON

Kayla Shelton, a junior from Gallatin, Tenn., and current Student Government Association president, is running for SGA president.

She has also been a senator, student affairs committee chair, speaker of the senate and executive vice president.

Shelton has been president since Johnathon Boles stepped down two months ago.



## KEVIN SMILEY

Danville junior Kevin Smiley is running for Student Government Association president. He's been a senator and parliamentarian. He's also served as chair of the student affairs and legislative research committees.

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### Q: Why are you running for president?

**Shelton:** "Because I finally think that I've got the ball rolling, and I want to continue doing good things and make them great next year," she said.

**Smiley:** "Because I think the students need someone who's going to be advocating things more often," he said.

### Q: Why are you qualified for the position?

**Shelton:** Said her experience on SGA and being able to relate to students qualifies her for the position.

**Smiley:** "When I see something not right, I go change it," he said. "If I were president, I would offer my service to any student with a cause."

### Q: What are three projects you will start if you're elected?

**Shelton:** Said she'd reach out to legislators, Western administrators and the Council on Postsecondary Education, promote SGA to the student body and work on outreach and diversity.

**Smiley:** Said he wants to change the dorm policy to provide more co-ed dorms, get students involved on campus through an Activism Week and set an agenda from the students' perspective.

### Q: How will you influence SGA participation and diversity?

**Shelton:** Said she'd work with student ambassadors and the office of diversity programs.

**Smiley:** "By working hard and being the example and organizer and getting the new people involved and finding out what they care about," he said.

### Q: What changes do you think should be made to the SGA budget?

**Shelton:** Said she wants more organizational aid applicants and recipients. She also wants to spend more money on public relations so more students know about SGA.

**Smiley:** Said SGA should look at the budget line by line to see how it is being used and set aside money for specific purposes. Spending should be issue-focused, he said.

### Q: What are some things you think previous presidents have done wrong? How will you address those issues?

**Shelton:** Said she'd listen to the student body more.

**Smiley:** "When we pledge to do something, we've got to do it," he said. "Sometimes you have to take extra effort to do it."

### Q: What is the first thing that you will do if elected?

**Shelton:** Said she'd focus on state budget cuts. "If you want the education, then you should be able to get it," she said.

**Smiley:** "I'd want to hold a forum to talk with students and get their ideas on things," Smiley said. "I'd meet with SGA members and coordinate with them about things that will make this organization great."

### Q: How will you deal with attempts to raise tuition or student fees?

**Shelton:** Said she wants to work with CPE and the state Board of Student Body Presidents to increase the cigarette and alcohol tax to raise money for higher education.

**Smiley:** "I am against any raise in tuition or student fees," he said.

### Q: What kind of things will you vote for and against on the board?

**Shelton:** Said she'll vote for creating academic scholarships with athletic revenue if suggested and against tuition increases and student fees.

**Smiley:** Said he would vote for measures that would increase Western's academic repertoire and against tuition and fee increases.

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# Program uses reality show as basis for self-improvement

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The Office of Diversity Programs saw the need for African-American males on campus to have a program to make them better men. So they took a hint from the popular MTV show “From G’s to Gents” and created “From Ballas to Scholars: The Come Up.”

Three weeks later, they had a complete concept. With homecoming fast approaching, ODP asked the step show host Fonzworth Bentley to sit in on the interviews and help them choose men who would benefit from program.

“Everything went by fast,” ODP adviser Vee Smith said.

Fast-forward through the 10-week program and the results were nothing less than amazing. They began with issues ranging from social adaptability and womanizing to immaturity and lack of confidence. But the seven-man group transformed from troubled boys to focused young men.

“I wanted to change,” Lexington senior Jamare Lewis said. “I was very anti-social. Now I’m more outgoing.”

The men met once a week, and just like in the show there was a lesson. Some of their sessions included etiquette, finances, career preparation skills and dressing with style.

“We usually met in the conference room in Potter, but if we were talking to career services, we went there,” Smith said.

After receiving the advice

from each session, the men had to apply what they learned in a separate activity, such as a Valentine’s Day etiquette dinner.

The men looked to Smith as a mother figure. During the recognition ceremony Friday evening, they expressed that with not only the spoken reflections, but with the constant hugs and picture taking that followed.

“Ms. Vee was really strict with our school work,” Louisville junior DeShaun Davis said. He recalled a class that he frequently missed and decided to attend one day, only to receive a text message from Smith asking where he was. By the time Davis reached his class, she was sitting outside the door making sure that he would show up.

The things the guys learned in The Come Up will stay with them forever, they mutually agreed.

OPD doesn’t plan to stop with this project. Smith said they do want to continue the program and they are currently working on a female version titled, Project CLASS (Creating Leaders And Shaping Sisters) that will be similar to the popular VH1 show “Charm School.”

“I’ve always been interested in helping young black males,” Smith said.

Smith said there is a lack of black male role models for many students, except those on television.

“Even though the program is over, I plan to keep in touch with everyone,” Davis said.

Mission accomplished.



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(Left to right) Louisville junior DeShaun Davis, Lebanon senior Josh Thompson and Louisville junior Brandyn Bailey react to a video compilation made to commemorate their time though the “Come Up: From Ballas to Scholars” program. The program was initiated by the Office of Diversity Programs.

“I wanted to change. I was very anti-social. Now I’m more outgoing.”

Jamare Lewis

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Last season, the Toppers struggled to string wins together, never winning more than three games in a row, but Western managed to win the conference tournament and advance to the NCAA tournament.

“I think this year we’re more consistent, offensively and pitching-wise,” Dayleg said. “If we keep pitching the way we do and we keep putting up runs the way we are, I think we really have nothing to worry about.”

Dayleg said that the Toppers are trying not to focus on any particular opponent during the last month

of the season.

“If we’re trying to make it to the NCAA tournament, every single game counts,” he said. “Every weekday game, every weekend game, every one counts, and a loss doesn’t help anything. Every game counts.”

But junior third baseman Wade Gaynor said that he’s talked to junior pitcher Matt Ridings about the importance of a season-ending series with Middle Tennessee.

“We take care of what we can do, and we should be in a good spot going into Middle,” he said. “But we

have nine games coming up, our next three series, and I think the next nine games are

huge for us.”

Gaynor said that the Toppers know they’re capable of returning to the NCAA tournament, and they’ve used last year’s experience to maintain their composure in close games.

“I don’t know how many teams I’ve been on where I feel confident every time somebody’s up to bat,” he said. “There’s not a hole in our lineup.”

Finwood said that he’s been impressed with the play of the team’s freshmen, including outfielder Jared Andreoli, who has started 20 games this season and has the third-best batting average on the team.

“We always tell them, ‘You guys aren’t freshmen anymore,’” he said. “They’ve all improved, and they’re all starting to contribute now. I’m not surprised, but I’m pleased with that.”

The Toppers play 6 p.m. tonight, at Austen Peay

# DEFENSE

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Dietzel said the biggest thing he will have to worry about this year is a young defense. The Hilltoppers’ defensive line has all departed, and it’s starting safeties are sophomores.

“We’ve got plenty of talent but just not the experience —

but that is what spring practice is for,” he said.

Santoro seems to be confident in Dietzel’s coaching to guide the young defense.

“We all love coach (Dietzel), and we know he is going to make the right calls because he has been here a while and knows what he is doing,” Santoro said.

Western is more than halfway done with spring

practices.

“We’re about where I thought we would be at this point,” Elson said. “We’re obviously going to take advantage of every practice we’re allowed this spring to keep getting these guys a lot of reps.”

Western will practice again on Wednesday and Friday before taking part in their second scrimmage on Saturday.

# SWEEPS

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But Biddle began to walk toward the dugout and then started running the bases with the Lady Toppers off the field huddled in front of their dugout. Junior catcher Rachelle Boucher ran to the pitchers mound to grab the ball and chased the ULM runner, holding her at third.

“Her team and her coaches had her run,” Boucher said. “She ran all the way around before we really realized it. So I ran and picked up the ball and tried to make it before she made it home.”

After another wild pitch, the ULM runner scored, giving the Warhawks a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the ninth.

“It happened earlier in the

game,” coach Perry said. “My coaches and I were talking about it that we needed to be aware of it. In this particular case, we saw it happen again. We thought we saw the young lady go to the dugout, but she never quite made it there.”

In the bottom of the ninth inning, junior designated hitter Shannon Smith hit a single that triggered an infield error from which senior Terri Ellingsworth and senior left fielder Sam Cronk came in to score to give Western the win in extra innings and the

sweep of the series.

The win improved the Lady Toppers to 22-12 on the season and 8-4 in Sun Belt conference play. Jennifer Kempf said that the win proved much for the team.

“It shows that we have a lot of heart,” Kempf said. “We really want to win — we really want to be on top this season and do well in (Sun Belt) conference. We have a lot of fight in us, and I think that really came out this weekend.”

The Lady Toppers will return to action when they travel to take on Tennessee State at 5 p.m. tomorrow in Nashville.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Three players decide to leave Western basketball

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After a season of exceeded expectations, a few members of Western's men's basketball program have decided to take their services elsewhere.

Sophomore forward D.J. Magley, freshman guard Dejan Cvoro and junior guard Uros Komadinic were all granted

releases from their scholarships today to pursue other opportunities.

"We obviously respect everything that those guys have brought to the table with our team and how hard they've worked," coach Ken McDonald said. "We wish them all the best. Wish them well, and I expect each one of them to go out in their own way and have some success."

McDonald met with all three players

near the end of last week and said that all three had their own reasons for leaving.

He cited that Magley wanted a more prominent role on the court. Komadinic, who would have been a non-scholarship player next season, was having financial troubles at home and needed a scholarship. Cvoro was taken aback by the level of competition in Division-I.

Cvoro appeared in 24 games this season, making 10 consecutive starts from Jan. 1- Jan. 31. Komadinic scored a season-high 15 points in Western's season-opening 73-64 loss at Houston, his lone game in double-figures on the season. Magley, a starter on last season's Sweet Sixteen team, played a solid Sun Belt Conference tournament, helping the Toppers to their second consecutive Sun Belt tournament title.

Magley said his decision to leave was made in the past few days and that he is looking to play somewhere else.

"It was a decision based on my part," Magley said. "I love Western, and it's one of the best atmospheres in all the universities that I've seen and been to, and I just love it to death. But I believe it's my time to go."

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## FOOTBALL

# Dietzel not looking to make big changes in defense

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Defensive coordinator Mike Dietzel said he's not at all worried about the upcoming season after his promotion to defensive coordinator — after all, it's not the first time he has had the position.

Dietzel returns to defensive coordinating in 2009, a post he held in 2004 and 2005. Since then, he has been a special teams coordinator, as well as coaching linebackers and defensive backs.

"Coaching those positions has helped my overall knowledge of the entire structure of the (defense), and that was a big asset for me going in this year," Dietzel said.

The players won't notice much of a change in Dietzel's defense, as they will still run their plays in the 3-4 formation.

"All we have done is made some terminology changes, so we have the opportunity to make checks or things like that based on formations," Dietzel said.

Coach David Elson says that learning new terminology is always tougher than it appears.

"Changing terminology is always tough — it takes some time to get used to it and make it second nature, but overall it's been a good transition," Elson said.

Sophomore safety Mark Santoro said he thinks that everyone on defense is learning the defense quite well.

Dietzel said he didn't want to change much of the defense. Western has kept the same defensive package since Elson arrived in 2002.

"(The players) are adjusting well," Elson said. "The guys see we have a really good plan, and they are taking to it."

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## BASEBALL



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**Junior third baseman Wade Gaynor watches** University of New Orleans senior Justin Edwards make contact at the plate during the top of the seventh inning of Sunday's game. Thanks to the Toppers' strong defensive performance, Western won Sunday's game 14-4, sweeping the weekend series against UNO 3-0.

# On pace for success

Hilltoppers looking to finish strong in conference

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With a month left in the season, the Toppers have produced ample evidence that they might live up to the hype.

Western was picked to finish first in the Sun Belt Conference for the first time in program history, and currently lead second-place Middle Tennessee by

a game and a half.

"We've put ourselves in a position, going into the last five weeks of the season, to have an opportunity to win a championship," coach Chris Finwood said.

The Toppers (25-9, 12-3 SBC) are in first place in the Sun Belt and lead the conference in a number of offensive categories, including batting average,

on-base percentage, hits, runs and runs batted in.

The Toppers swept New Orleans last weekend, outscoring the Privateers 41-6 in three games.

Senior shortstop Terrence Dayleg said that he believes the team's consistency has been the key to its success.

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## SOFTBALL

# Western sweeps Louisiana-Monroe

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In her eight years of coaching, coach Tyra Perry said she has seen some bizarre finishes to softball games.

Perry witnessed another wild finish on Saturday as Western swept Louisiana-Monroe in a weekend that featured rain and schedule changes.

And Western's 4-3 victory in its last game on Saturday featured a pretty wild ending.

"They came out and were competitive," Perry said. "They were competitive to the

end, and they fought the circumstances. That's what we want from our athletes."

In game two, Louisiana-Monroe jumped out to a two-run lead in the top of the first, while Western remained scoreless until the bottom of the seventh, when senior third baseman Rebecca Horesky hit a bases-clearing double to tie the game at 2-2.

Both teams posted no score in the eighth inning with runners on base. The ninth inning had the Lady Toppers getting the first two outs before ULM's Robin Biddle struck out on a dropped third strike.

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JACOB HILL/HERALD

**Senior utility Lindsay Antone congratulates** her teammate, senior outfielder Sam Cronk. Cronk slid into home to score second run of the inning.

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